THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) 68,000 Indians have returned to Kuwait so far,

(b) The number of Indians working in Kuwait is estimated at 65,000.

(c) Government have taken various steps to facilitate and speed the return of the Indian nationals repatriated from the Gulf; these include waiver of immigration Clearance Requirement, speedier issuance of passports and reintroduction of Air India flights to Kuwait.

Petroleum And Natural Gas Projects for Kerala

2735. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the petroleum and natural Gas projects for Kerala pending with the Union Government for approval;

(b) the action taken so far in each case; and

(c) the reason for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a) to (c). The following two project proposals are at different stages of consideration of the Government.

(i) Expansion of the refining capacity of the Cochin Refineries Limited; and

(ii) Increasing capacity for additional Benzene production by cochin Refineries Limited.

World bank aid to Oilpalm cultivation in Kerala

2736. SHRI KUDIKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank aided scheme to grow Oilpalm trees in Kerala is in progress;

(b) if so, the cost of the scheme;

(c) the places where this scheme is under operation in that state;

(d) whether the Government propose to cover more places under this scheme in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no World Bank aided scheme for oil palm in Kerala.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Increase in Prices of Food Grade Hexane

2737. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to increase the prices of food grade hexane a crucial input for manufacturing Solvent extracted vegetable oils and deoiled meals; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Hexane is not a price administred product. Oil Industry determines the of Hexane on market considerations.

Girls Hostels for Scheduled Caste Students

2738. SHRI DHARMABIKASHAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of girls hostels for Scheduled Caste students constructed so far in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of boy hostels constructed for Scheduled Caste students during 1990-91 in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of girls and boys students benefited;

(d) the amount sanctioned provided to the State for the purpose during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(e) whether the State Government has fully utilised that amount;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken thereon; and

(g) the number of girls and boys hostels proposed to be constructed there during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) 316 hostels for girls belonging to Scheduled Caste have been constructed and buildings in respect of 95 hostels are under construction.

(b) The Centrally Sponsered Scheme of Boys' hostels for Scheduled Caste students came into existence during 1989-90. 36 hostel buildings were sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh during 1990-91.

(c) 31600 girls have been benefited and 9,500 will be benefited after completion of 95 hostel buildings under consideration 3600 Scheduled Caste boys will benefit after 36 hostels sanctioned during 1990-91 are constructed.

(d) The following amounts were sanctioned during 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto 29. 2. 2992):

Year	*Girls Hostels*	*Boys Hostels*
1990-91	Rs. 1,08, 58, 750/-	Rs. 1,29,57 638/-
1991-92	Rs. 1, 50,00, 000/-	Rs. 2,00,50,000/-

(e) and (f). The hostels sanctioned during 1990-91 have not yet been completed. The completion of hostel building may take some time.

(g) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised in respect of any State including Andhra Pradesh.

Foreign Assistance to Churches in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh

2739. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the foreign financial aid/assistance received by the Churches in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh during 1989-90 and 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): The receipt of foreign contribution as reported by the cruches in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh is as under:-

State	*Year*	*Amount*
Bihar	1989	379.75
	1990	453.99
Madhya Pradesh	1989	641.35
	1990	726.60